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1. VARIOUS AMBASSADORS HAVING READ IN THE PRESS OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE LOAN CONSORTIUM FOR PORTUGAL HAVE QUITE NATURALLY ASKED ME FOR DETAILS OF OUR PROGRAM. I HAVE GIVEN BROAD OUTLINES ON AN INFORMAL, PERSONAL BASIS TO GERMAN AND JAPANESE AMBASSADORS BOTH OF WHOM THINK THEIR COUNTRIES MIGHT BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION AND HAS QUERIED HIM EVEN THOUGH CANADA HAS NOT FIGURED IN THE PRESS LIST OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR URGES THAT AN EARLY APPROACH BE MADE TO HIS GOVERNMENT EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR TOKYO. HE THINKS WE SHOULD STRESS BENEFITS FOR JAPAN IN TERMS OF ITS OVERALL RELATIONS WITH EUROPE.

2. LONG DELAY IN APPROACHING OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON AN OFFICIAL BASIS COULD HAVE OBVIOUS ADVERSE REACTIONS. NOW THAT IT IS CLEAR GOP WILL ACCEPT BASIC GROUND RULES OF CONSORTIUM I URGE THAT OFFICIAL APPROACHES BE MADE ASAP AND THAT I BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT THEM THROUGH AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED HERE.
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